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**For: HARD DISK DRIVE WITH  
TRANSPARENT COVER, FLASHING  
DEVICE, AND WITH SPECIALLY  
DECORATED TOP PLATE OR HUB  
FOR STORAGE APPLICATIONS  
WITH A VISUALLY OBSERVABLE  
DISK DRIVE**

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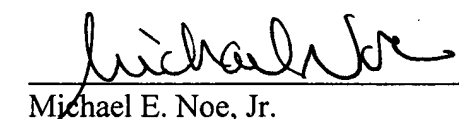
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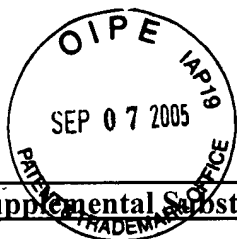
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